



6TH BRIGADE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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COMMANDER'S NOTES



ARMY SECRETARY ORDERS

FT. CAMPBELL AND ARMY- WIDE REVIEW OF DOD HOMOSEXUAL CONDUCT POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

The Secretary of the Army, Louis Caldera, today announced that he is directing the Army's Inspector General to conduct a thorough review of the implementation of the Homosexual Conduct Policy at Ft. Campbell Ky., following a request by the Commander 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Ft. Campbell.

In light of allegations that surfaced during the investigations and courts martial surrounding the murder of Pfc Barry Winchell, the Inspector General is being directed to examine alleged violations of the Department of Defense Homosexual Conduct Policy during the period preceding Winchell's death. The review was requested Saturday by Maj. Gen. Robert T. Clark upon the conclusion of the second court martial and conviction in the case, and is supported by his chain of command to include Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, Army Chief of Staff.

"The soldiers who serve in the United States Army today are the best we've ever had," said Caldera. "They serve our Nation and merit our respect, and they deserve to be treated with dignity in a climate of safety and security. The Chief of Staff and I, and the entire chain of command, are committed to this cause."

Caldera is also directing the Inspector General to conduct an overall assessment of the command climate that existed at Ft. Campbell, as it related to the application, enforcement and training associated with the DoD Homosexual Conduct Policy. Finally, Caldera is instructing the Army Inspector General to provide an overall assessment of the Department of the Army's implementation of the DoD Homosexual Conduct Policy throughout the rest of the Army.

The Inspector General's report and recommendations are to be provided the Secretary of the Army not later than May 1. Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen announced in December that he had directed the Department of Defense (DoD) Inspector General to initiate an assessment of the environment at representative installations within each military Department with respect to the application of the homosexual conduct policy. The Army's review is being coordinated with the DoD IG.

For more information, please contact Army Public Affairs Media Relations Division (703) 697-7550 or your OIC/NCOIC Chain of Command.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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“Empty Seats”

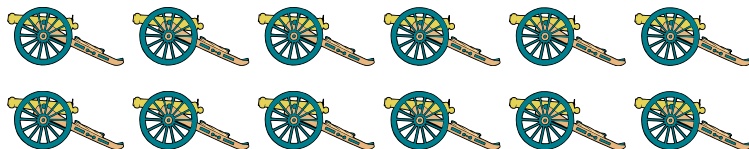
Some of you may have noticed that not as many soldiers are appearing for drill these days. It is not because unit members are “blowing off” drill or not interested, it is because we are shrinking. Each Battalion and the Bde HQ is suffering from a drastic reduction in unit strength. 6th Bde has openings for soldiers from E-1 through O-5 in each of its TASS battalions and within the HQ.

Both 6th Bde and the 10th Battalion have need of a Command Sergeant Major. The 10th and 11th Battalions need instructors in the ranks of Major and Lieutenant Colonel. The 12th Battalion is looking for both junior and senior NCO's to fill instructor slots for NCOES. All HQ's need staff officers and NCO's.

The Bde commander is seeking suggestions from unit members on how our Bde can attract more members as well as by name referral of individual soldiers. In other words, how should a soldier causing a person to join our unit be rewarded? Should referrals or recruitment of new members to the 6th Bde be a requirement for a top block OER or top NCOER rating? Do we require raters of officers and NCO to make recruitment of at least one new member to the unit a part of the support form/ counseling form?

We can now triple slot any soldier for each position except the CSM's. All members of our Bde should consider how to increase our unit strength and e-mail today your respective commander and/or supervisor. No idea is too insignificant or unimportant in this area. Do not be concerned with the rank or MOS of any referral if you know someone who would fit into the 6th Bde.

Our low strength continues to make each of our jobs more difficult and directly impacts our mission performance. “You are limited only by your imagination” when it comes to recruiting!



Attention - All Soldiers! When was the last time you reviewed your military records?

By May 2000, personnel records maintained at the unit will be changing. Your 201 file or MPRJ (Military Personnel Records Jacket) maintained at units will be discontinued. Taking its place will be the Military Personnel File (MPF). The MPF will not contain all the documents and forms that were filed in the MPRJ. If not already doing so, soldiers must begin to maintain their own military forms and documents. Soldiers will no longer be able to go the unit and get all documents, because they will no longer exist. AR-PERSCOM in St. Louis will maintain your MPF. It will be used for centralized promotion boards. It will be the soldier's responsibility to insure their record is accurate. If a document is missing, you must provide it. Bottom-line, make sure you get a copy of all our military documents and forms, and maintain in a safe secure place. Your current MPRJ will be returned to you upon successful completion of the MPRJ to MPF record conversion.

All soldier s should begin NOW to audit their MPRJ record with the S-1 Section or UA to ensure all documents and forms are complete, updated, and available. (POC: CW2 Armenta (303) 966-4760 /hgarmenta@email.com)

BDE TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES

6 th Bde Cdr	COL SUCHANEK gerry-suchanek@uiowa.edu	303-365-3086
6 th Bde XO	COL FIELDS fieldsk@ix.netcom.com	303-365-3085
6 th Bde CSM	CSM TALBOTT 105167.2552@compuserve.com	303-365-3084
6 th Bde IM	SSG BRUCE rbruce@pmrma-emh1.army.mil	303-725-6844
6 th Bde SSA	Mr. WESTBROOKE westbrookj@usarc-emh2.army.mil	303-365-3082
6 th Bde S-1	CPT WHYTE lwhyte@uswest.com	303-365-3088
6 th Bde S-1	CW2 ARMENTA (Per Tech) hgarmenta@email.com	303-365-3088
6 th Bde S-3	LTC ANDERSON danderso@mail.usa.net	303-365-3087
6 th Bde S-4	MAJ GEORGE dave.george@rfets.gov	303-365-3088
HHC SAA	Mr. STANEK stanekj@usarc-emh2.army.mil	303-365-3083
HHC, 1SG	SFC REEDY janetreeedy@centura.org	303-365-3089
6 th Bde/HHC	FAX MACHINE	303-365-3090



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NEW OFFICE SYMBOLS **(Repeat)**

Effective immediately, new 104th Division (IT) office symbols are to be used. These are as follows:

Commander, HQ, 6 th Bde	AFRC-TWA-PDT
S1, 6 th Bde	AFRC-TWA-PDT (S1)
S2/S3, 6 th Bde	AFRC-TWA-PDT (S3)
S4, 6 th Bde	AFRC-TWA-PDT (S4)
10 th Bn, 6 th Bde	AFRC-TWA-PDT-AZ
11 th Bn, 6 th Bde	AFRC-TWA-PDT-ID
12 th Bn, 6 th Bde	AFRC-TWA-PDT-WA
NCOA, 6 th Bde	AFRC-TWA-PDT-FL

POC: CW2 Armenta 303-365-3086

Cold War Veterans to Receive Recognition (Repeat)

If you were a federal employee or in the Armed Forces of the United States between 2 Sep 45 and 26 Dec 91, you deserve a "Certificate of Recognition" from the Secretary of Defense. If you qualify, check with your Bn S1 to prepare a letter and submit your name and copy of DD-214 (or SF-50 copy for federal employees) to : Cold War Recognition, 4034 Ridge Top Road, Fairfax, VA 22030-7445

Or you can send the request yourself. Go to the Internet at <http://coldwar.army.mil/> and get a sample letter and more information. (POC: CW2 Armenta (303) 966-4760 / hgarmenta@email.com)

PAY INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY (Repeat)

Reservist soldiers can now call the automated Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) to access pay information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The number is **(371) 510-0299**. The system will ask you several questions, e.g., enter your social security number, your rank, and the number of exemptions that are shown on your Leave and Earnings Statement (LES). Once you enter this information, IVRS will ask you to establish your own Personal ID Number (PIN). You can then use your PIN to access pay information regarding Direct Deposits for mid-month and end-of-month, allotments, tax information, etc.

However, USAR soldiers are reminded to contact their finance/pay points of contacts as the primary channel for resolving pay issues. (POC: CW2 Armenta (303) 966-4760 / hgarmenta@email.com)

During the February drill, several soldiers from S-1 and S-3 will be on AT assignments. If you are unable to contact a POC because the soldier is on AT, please contact their alternate POC or the NCOIC/OIC.

4-6 Feb	Devil's Lake ND
	SFC Dalmasi, SSG Sonnenfeld
4-6 Feb	Ft Harrison, MT
	SGM Braton, SSG McArdell
11-13 Feb	Ft Meade, SD
	SSG McArdell, SGT Harrell
11-13 Feb	Monmouth, OR
	LTC Thompson, SSG Bruce
25-27 Feb	Phoenix, AZ
	SFC Dalmasi, SSG Bruce
25-27 Feb	Ft Carson, CO
	LTC Thompson, SSG McArdell, SGT Harrell

ATTRS - Now is the time to submit for NCOES courses.



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Suspenses - Food Service Usage Report, VISA IMPAC CC (Monthly Statement)

The S-4 Organization is continuing to work with the Battalions and Division to acquire additional computer and ADP assets.

This month, the S-4 Section will be working on compiling the data from the Instructor Facility Questionnaires. Using this data, we will be able to share resources between instructors and identify facilities that have the capability to host training in the years to come.

The S-4 Section is also working on the dining out scheduled for April. More on this next month.

ID CARDS

If you or a family member needs an ID card please call 5502nd at (303)361-4837 located on Fitzsimmons in building 820. They can take care of Retired Service Members; Active Duty or AGR Soldiers; Reserve Service Members; IRR/IMA Service Member and all of their Dependents/ Family Members. So call today!





INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



Information Awareness Training - Please be aware that we are mandated by the Army to have all users who use AIS (Automated Information Services) equipment trained in Information Awareness. This training can be accomplished several ways. The preferred method of satisfying this requirement is a stand-up brief, using slides and video clips. The alternate method is either CD or via web on the USARC intranet <http://usarcintra/iss>. If you go on-line at the end of the course you will need to printout the certificate of completion and fill-out the form USARC 75-R and give this to your ISSO (Information System Security Officer). Otherwise, your ISSO should give the stand-up brief and have an sign-in roster for the training brief. If you are looking for the CD it was passed out during the 6th Brigade Conference and given to your ISSO or ISS NCO.

Information System Security - Army Regulation 380-19, tells us not to share passwords with anybody, this means system passwords (RLAS access) and e-mail passwords among the few. Please be aware that passwords are to be changed every 6 months, and needs to be 8 characters long with two of the characters being numeric. Also remember that given out passwords of anykind can be punishable by the UCMJ.

Virus Software -Department of the Army has stated that all Government and Military personnel may take home one copy of Norton or McAfee anti-virus software to install on their home computers. The software packages that are available are Norton and McAfee Anti-Virus Software. Please contact SSG Bruce for additional information.

Y2K Issues - Please keep in mind that we are not over with Y2K, the Army will be still testing Y2K issues at least until Feb 29 of this year.

Privacy Act - Please remember that it is a violation to pass Social Security Numbers or Personnel Information across e-mail or any other means without encryption.

70th & 104th Division WEB page is now on-line - Please use your web browser and go to <http://www.nw-usarc.army.mil>

*(Updated) Army Computer Based Training - is also on-line and free to all Government and Army personnel. Use your web browser and go to <http://www.armycbt.jccbi.gov/armycbt> or <http://158.6.12.20/cbtweb/index.htm> to register.

Suspenses for 10th, 11th 12th, and NCOA

• E-mail Roster • Web Page Development • ISS Personnel Designations • Training of ISSO/AISSO • DOD Infosec Awareness Training

These suspenses was given out to the ISSO and AISSO at the conference. If you have questions regarding these suspenses please contact SSG Bruce, the Brigade ISSO. Cellular (303)725-6844 or e-mail 'rbruce@pmrma-emh1.army.mil'

Newsletter Submission Deadline - All articles need to be submitted to the IM Section no later than mid-month. If possible please deliver all articles in a typed or neatly handwritten format. Floppy diskettes will also be accepted or send via email to rbruce@pmrma-emh1.army.mil

Newsletter will be sent via e-mail - we didn't have the time needed to produce, print and deliver the newsletter via US Postal Service, so we will be sending via e-mail instead. Hopefully next month will be better.

Army TACACS 800 Numbers - This has not been confirmed but we understand the Army is making it harder to get access to the 800 numbers for dial-in access. Only high GS or 06 personnel and above will be able to have access to those numbers. All other folks that have these numbers will have to use their local numbers if they are available.

This will possible effect ATTRS users and folks that use the Army's 1800 numbers.

Army TACACS Local Numbers Update - Rocky Mountain Arsenal's modem bank will be back on line for dial-in use possibly by the second week of the month.

UNIT DRILL SCHEDULE

<u>Drill Weekend</u>	<u>Drill Number</u>
5-6 FEB 2000	17-20
4-5 MAR 2000	21-24
8-9 APR 2000	25-28
6-7 MAY 2000	29-32
3-4 JUN 2000	33-36
1-2 JUL 2000	37-40
5-6 AUG 2000	41-44



HHC



U.S. Army Reserve Regional Family Program Academies (FPAs) Schedule 2000

*Dates and locations are subject to possible change due to hotel contracting. Check with each command that is hosting a Family Program Academy for the final information.

HEAD COUNT:

Saturday, 5 Feb 00 - SSG Hergenreter

Sunday, 6 Feb 00 - SSG Midgett

PHYSICAL TRAINING:

S3 has PT on Saturday, 5 Feb 00

Mandatory Briefings

For anyone who has missed the mandatory briefings held recently, there is information currently being passed around. Please read the information, sign-off on it, and pass it on to the next available person. When it is complete, please return it to 1SG Reedy.

MAKE-UP APFT

There will be a makeup APFT, on Saturday, 5 Feb 00, for the following individuals:

SGT Farnsworth, CPT Martinez, SSG Midgett
SPC Rodriguez, SPC Trujillo, CPT Whyte
SSG Bruce, SFC Dalmasi, MSG Stanek
MAJ George, MSG Frazier, SPC Warling
LTC Thompson

BIRTH MONTH AUDITS:

Make-up for January - Farnsworth, Davis, Frazier

February - Bruce, Trujillo

Please see MSG Stanek

W-2's:

Everyone should have received their W-2 Reserve Pay Form by now, if not contact Mr. John Stanek, the SOTS at Bde HQ for instructions for obtaining one.

Mr. Stanek is also trained on the new ID Tag machine located at the McWethy USAR Center, if you need ID Tags please furnish him with the following information.

NAME: LAST, FIRST, MI SSAN, RELIGIOUS
PREF, BLOOD TYPE.

There will be a complete MPRJ records conversion starting with the Feb 00 Drill, bring in any or all papers that are not in your Official Military Personnel File located at ARPERSCOM, as the DA 201 files will be obsolete in the very near future.

April 14 - 16, 2000 in Denver, Colorado

Ms. Amelia Bourne - (800) 348-0039 or (801) 736-4292/4852

96th Regional Support Command

Email: Amelia.bourne@usarc-emh2.army.mil

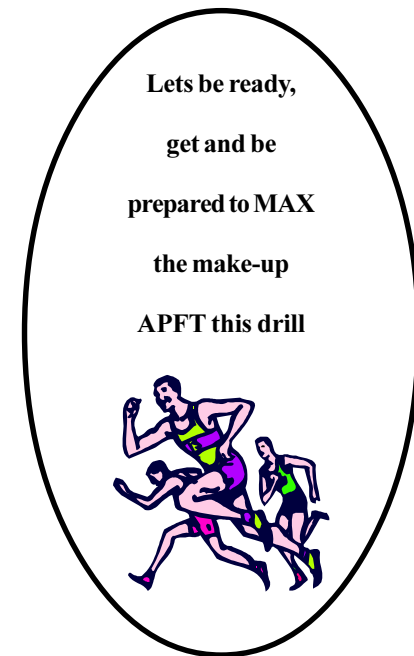
April 14 - 16, 2000 in Portland, OR

Ms. Tracee Taylor - (800) 677-3980 or (206) 281-3131

70th Regional Support Command

Email: Taylortr@usarc-emh2.army.mil

For more information of dates and schedules please goto
<http://www.usarc.army.mil/dcsperstuff/2000schedule.html>



SAY NO TO DRUGS

TRAINING SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5 Feb 00

0700 - 0725	-	Sign in
0730 - 0745	-	Formation
0745 - 1130	-	HQ Actions Personnel Actions Training Actions Logistics Actions
0830 - 1030	-	Select Personnel - APFT
1130 - 1230	-	Noon Meal Country Harvest
1230 - 1530	-	HQ Actions Personnel Actions Training Actions Logistics Actions
1300 - 1400	-	Select Personnel - Unit Advisory Committee
1530 - 1630	-	Physical Training
1630	-	Final Formation
1630 - 1730	-	HQ Commander, NCOICs - Unit Training Meeting

Sunday, 6 Feb 00

0700 - 0725	-	Sign-In
0730 - 0745	-	Opening Formation
0745 - 0845	-	ODP/NCODP - Power Point
0845 - 1130	-	HQ Actions Personnel Actions Training Actions Logistics Actions
1130 - 1230	-	Noon Meal Country Harvest
1230 - 1300	-	Weekend After Action Reviews
1300 - 1620	-	HQ Actions Personnel Actions Training Actions Logistics Actions
1620 - 1630	-	Final Formation

SOLDIER MAILING ADDRESS AND 1998 W-2s

The W-2 mailing season will soon be upon us. Now is the time for all soldiers Army Reserve/National Guard/Inactive National Guard(ING)/Individual Ready Reserve(IRR)/Individual Mobilization Augmentees(IMA) to verify their individual mailing address. About 80% of all the reissued W-2s for 1997 were due to bad mailing addresses on soldier accounts. This totaled about 20,000 reissued W-2s. This year we want to see that number drop. Troop Program Unit members SEE YOUR UNIT ADMINISTRATOR NOW!

IRR and IMA soldiers should send their change of address to the Reserve Component Pay Support Office address below. Don't assume that the change is being made just by providing the information to your Personnel Management Officer. Mail changes to: or FAX address changes to (314)592-0485

AR-PERSCOM
9700 Page Avenue
Attn: ARPC-RMP
St. Louis, MO 63132-5200

Soldiers not receiving a W-2 should contact their unit administrator or supporting office as stated above for a re-issued W-2. Remember that if you are participating in the Student Loan Repayment Program, you will receive 2 W-2s for 1998.

This message has been coordinated with the OCAR Pay Support Center and the National Guard Bureau Financial Services Center.

Major Jakeman
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DDMP
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**Timberwolves
Always Think
Ahead!
We Lead. We
Succeed!**